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Early week prices were higher in all regions on all sizes. During the week, prices in Chicago and New York increased on all sizes. The trade sentiment was steady to instances firm. Retail demand was in a full range, light to very good, however, noted as not as strong as the previous week. Food service movement was moderate to good, especially into winter resident and vacation areas. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate in the Midwest on larger sizes, adequate to closely balanced in the remaining regions. Supplies of mediums were adequate to instances tight. Breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to available for the light demand. Buyers of additional heavy nest run breaking stock were bidding the low side of the range. Schedules full-time to part-time. Floor stocks in balance to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady. Light type fowl demand continued moderate with offerings at least fully adequate to ample.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 1 cent higher for large and medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mixed, mostly fully steady. Retail demand was light to good, mostly moderate to good. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to in balance for the larger sizes and adequate to tight for medium. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to available for the generally quiet demand. Schedules full-time to mostly part-time. Floor stocks in close balance to fully adequate. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	60-67	62-64
LARGE	58-66	60-64
MEDIUM	47-53	50-53

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending higher. The market tone was fully steady, mainly due to wintry weather conditions. Demand into all channels ranged light to good. Supplies were generally adequate for current trade requirements. Breaking stock supplies were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate for slaughter needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65-79	68-72
LARGE	61-76	66-70
MEDIUM	51-62	52-54

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL FOR W/E 21-Feb-03
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	66.00	64.00	52.00
SOUTHEAST	68.50	64.50	53.00
MIDWEST	58.00	57.00	49.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	65.50	64.00	52.75
COMBINED REGIONAL	64.50	62.42	51.85

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM FEB 24, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.8	19.1	7.2	13.7	13.0
	Change	0.1	-0.4	-0.8	0.2	-0.2
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.5	43.4	16.6	24.2	25.9
	Change	0.9	-7.8	1.8	-5.2	-2.0
Large	Curr Wk	34.0	82.9	62.5	92.4	97.8
	Change	-3.5	-11.6	8.6	-2.3	-14.2
Medium	Curr Wk	14.2	41.2	17.0	20.7	20.3
	Change	-0.9	-3.8	-1.2	1.0	-1.6
Small	Curr Wk	3.5	7.9	1.2	8.0	4.8
	Change	0.7	-0.3	0.4	2.4	1.8
Misc	Curr Wk	3.9	23.2	9.7	11.1	6.0
	Change	0.9	-0.5	-1.0	-0.4	-0.3
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.4	62.1	20.6	35.2	30.3
	Change	4.2	-3.5	3.0	-2.6	3.2
Total	Curr Wk	110.3	279.8	134.8	205.3	198.1
Percent	Change	2%	-9%	9%	-3%	-6%
TOTAL		Number of		Percent	Number of	
		Cases		Change	Cooperators	

Shell Egg	928.3	-4%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	274.1	2%	38

Total Shell Egg	1202.4	-2%	213
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO	SO	SO	5-AREA	
NORTHEAST	CENT	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC	SUMMARY
107.9	307.7	124.0	212.2	211.4	963.2

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	02-25-03	02-18-03	02-26-02
Large	43-47	38-42	35-38
Medium	30-34	28-32	20-24

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 21-Feb-03

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,072,373	26,564	9,555	5,234	2,254	3,971
PW	1,133,238	27,185	10,353	5,736	2,656	4,149
LY	1,151,109	27,382	10,761	6,045	3,084	4,063
% CHG PW	-5	-2	-8	-9	-15	-4
% CHG LY	-7	-3	-11	-13	-27	-2
2003	8,965,619	211,006	84,819	80,498	77,518	79,235
2002	8,975,171	200,161	92,576	87,860	84,899	85,878
% CHG YTD	0	5	-8	-8	-9	-8

(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	42.27	41.85	41.92
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	38.56	38.19	38.39

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	<u>Broiler Eggs Set in</u> <u>19 Selected States</u>		<u>Broiler Chicks Placed</u> <u>in 19 Selected States</u>	
	Feb 15	Feb 22	Feb 15	Feb 22
	Thousand			
AL	27,311	27,533	20,696	21,200
AR	*30,350	30,762	23,806	23,899
DE	3,348	3,295	5,539	5,114
FL	1,605	1,598	1,739	1,740
GA	*30,817	31,361	*25,853	25,509
KY	*6,121	6,188	*5,366	5,491
MD	*8,694	9,351	5,601	5,732
MS	18,912	18,447	15,967	15,727
NC	18,492	18,754	14,217	13,946
OK	6,395	6,632	4,509	4,720
PA	*3,440	3,306	*2,535	2,627
SC	*4,842	4,823	3,534	3,708
TX	14,786	14,807	12,340	11,872
VA	6,491	6,562	5,612	5,286
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,671	20,143	*18,758	18,408

19 State Total *200,275 203,562 *166,072 164,979

Previous Year Total 210,479 211,110 167,095 170,461

Pct. of Prev. Year 95 96 99 97

* Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 5-Apr-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 152.4 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.4 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 155.9 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 147.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 52.95 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 02/20/03-02/26/03

CLASS	CURRENT LDS 88.75		FUTURE LDS 127.25		TOTAL LDS 216.00	
	SE	NE	MW			
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	45.00	53.40	48.43	51.83	51.77	—
GNR W 2	—	53.00	—	—	—	—
GNR BR 1	—	92.00	87.00	88.00	—	—
GL W J	—	—	64.50	66.00	59.92	—
GL W XL	—	62.92	61.33	62.33	55.00	—
GL W LG	—	63.45	58.00	63.25	55.24	—
GL W MD	45.00	49.00	43.52	45.71	42.60	46.00
GL W SM	—	—	31.50	32.50	—	—
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	78.00	81.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	39.00	38.00	40.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	28.50

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 22-Feb-2003

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT	CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	21.9	21.4	2	2
BOSTON	3.3	3.1	6	-3
CHICAGO	51.8	62.2	-17	53
DETROIT	34.4	24.5	40	8
KANSAS CITY	4.4	3.9	13	47
LOS ANGELES	88.1	89.3	-1	-16
NEW ORLEANS	14.2	14.7	-3	56
NEW YORK	34.4	28.6	20	-6
ST. LOUIS	17.8	17.6	1	-8
SAN FRANCISCO	22.6	22.2	2	-3
TOTAL	292.9	287.5	2	-3
4 WK MVG AVG	285.5			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 22-Feb-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG		OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS			
	-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	1,668	2,606	76	17		4,367
AVG WT	15.79	37.14	25.93	29.37		28.76
LAST WEEK	1,717	2,575	52	7		4,351
SAME WK YR AGO	1,754	2,721	56	10		4,541
AVG WT	16.42	36.08	24.85	32.56		28.33
TO-DATE/2003	13,067	20,161	452	96		33,776
TO-DATE/2002	13,636	20,754	320	64		34,774

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 22-Feb-2003
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD-	
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT
N EAST	639	-9	21.53	(A)	642	21.53
SATL	817	1	30.29	(A)	821	30.29
N CENT	2,173	2	32.60	(A)	2,177	32.6
S CENT	442	0	20.96	(A)	445	20.96
WEST	279	11	23.25	(A)	282	23.25
U.S. TOTAL	4,350 (B)	0	28.75	17	4,367	28.76
TO-DATE						
2003	33,680 (B)			96	33,776	
TO-DATE						
2002	34,710 (B)			64	34,774	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 76,000 for the year 452,000; last year to date 320,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 22-Feb-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	147,355	1,534	1,450	2,984	466
AVG WT	5.04	3.33	8.03	5.61	6.51
LAST WEEK	152,044	1,793	1,257	3,050	418
SAME WK YR AGO	155,982	1,867	1,286	3,153	395
AVG WT	5.15	3.40	7.76	5.18	6.81
TO-DATE/2003	1,177,523	13,097	10,864	23,961	3,362
TO-DATE/2002	1,215,914	14,555	10,125	24,680	3,501

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 149.1 million head or 4.6 million head less than or 97% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 01-Mar-03

	Current Week 03/01/03(1)	Previous Week 02/22/03
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	152,386(2)	150,856
LT HENS	1,734	1,671
HVY HENS	1,584	1,500
CHECK TOTAL	155,704	154,027

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 01-Mar-03 is 153.4 million head compared to 156.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 152.7 million head or 0.7 million less than estimated available. For week of 08-Mar-03 the estimated available is 155.2 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO
ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JANUARY 18	155.0	152.4	102%	5.14
25	145.9	152.9	95%	5.17
FEBRUARY 1	153.0	154.2	99%	5.21
8	152.2	153.8	99%	5.05
15	153.9	153.6	100%	5.15
22	149.1	153.7	97%	5.04
YEAR TO DATE	1191.8	1212.1	98%	
MARCH 1		153.4		
8		155.2		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 02/24/03-03/01/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD	AVG	LDS	WTD	AVG
Chicago	53.00-56.00	55.32	40	57.27	77	
Los Angeles	68.00	66.50	64	65.30	148	
New York	54.00-57.00	56.57	21	57.67	62	

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
24-Feb-03	17-Feb-03	17-Feb-03	25-Feb-02	
60.38	0.12	60.26	56.06	

NUMBER OF LOADS 605

MONTHLY 12-CITY WTD AVG PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS

MONTH	WTD AVG	LOADS
FEBRUARY	60.49	2330.00

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-62	59-62	59.83	36
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	58-59	58	58.00	40
WESTERN REGION	57-59	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of

1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)
SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

		FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM	02/24/03	2,845	162,316	73,736
AM	02/01/03	1,717	155,703	76,443
CHG		1128	6613	-2707
PCT CHG		66%	4%	-4%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 24-Feb-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6.5-9.5 CENTS/LB.	7-8.5	8.04
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	5.75-10 CENTS/LB.	7.5-8.5	8.09

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE 21-FEB-03

Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

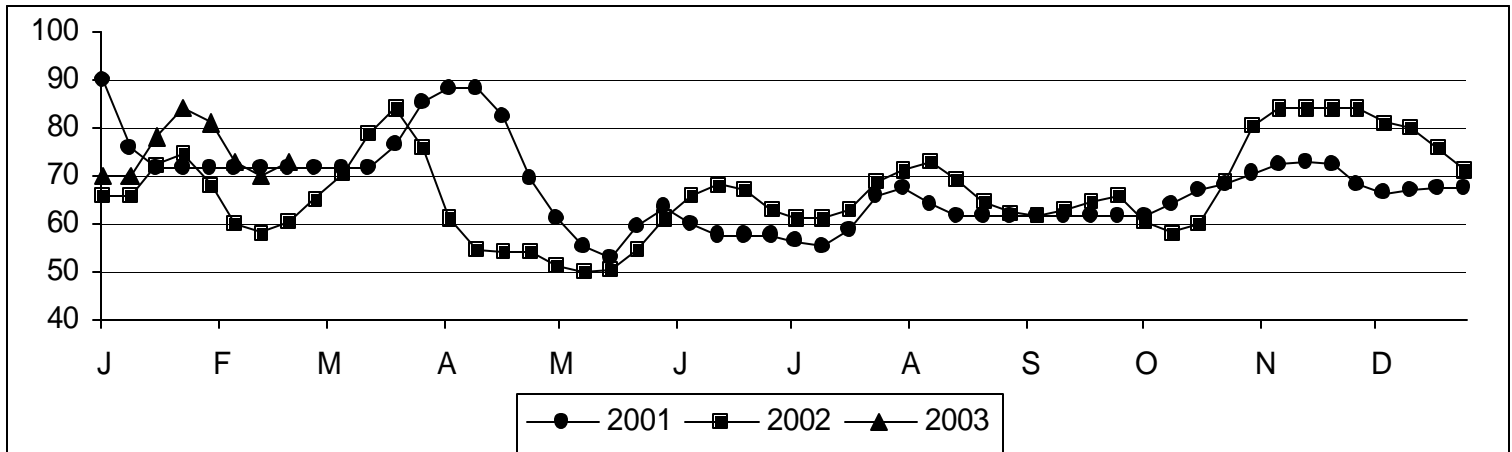
	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern		
Removal Cost	0-7	3-6
So. Central		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
No. Central		
Removal Cost	3-6	4-4.5

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)**

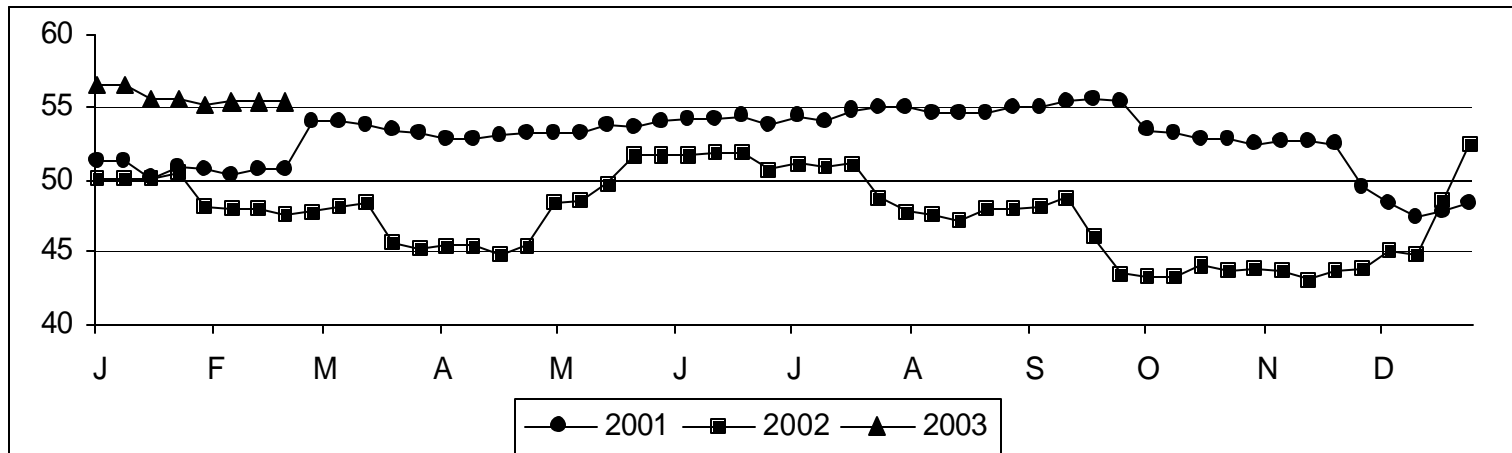
W/E 22-Feb-03

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	220.6	2	-3
E.N. CENTRAL	533.7	-5	-4
W.N. CENTRAL	268.2	-5	-6
S. ATLANTIC	195.6	-2	-1
S. CENTRAL	100.3	2	8
WEST	184.2	0	-3
TOTAL	1502.6	-3	-3
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	85

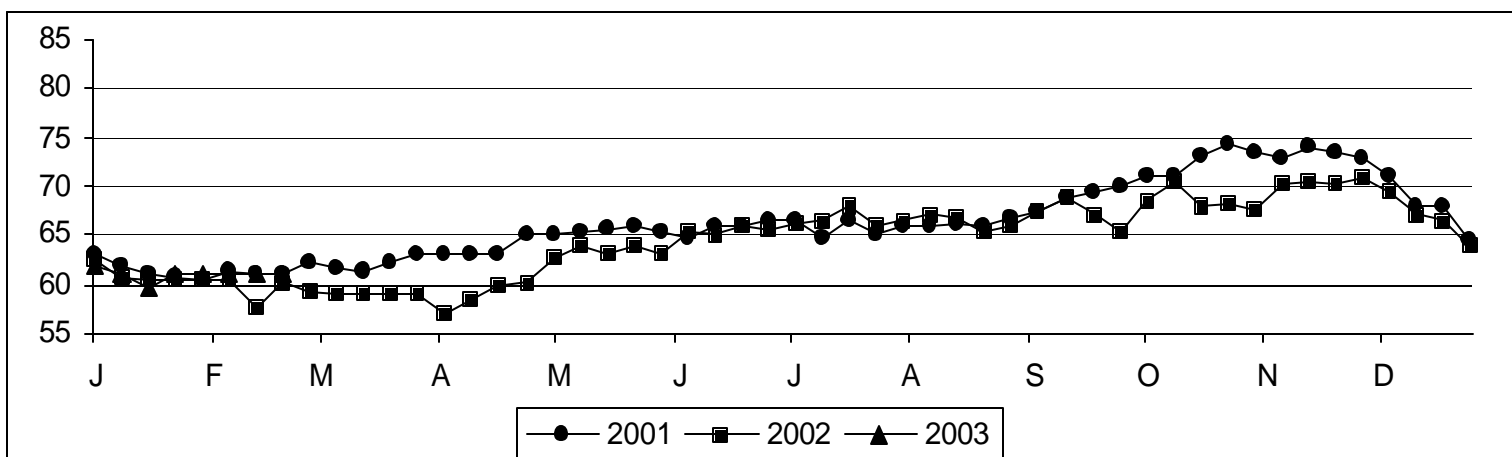
New York Large Weekly Average Price Cents per Dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices Cents per Pound



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys Cents per Pound



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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